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Appropriate correction is required.

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: Note that for the collective description of Figs. 5, 6 and Figs. 8, 9, 10, all reference labels therein should be correspondingly described relative to the individual drawing figures in which they actually appear for consistency purposes.

Appropriate correction is required.

The drawings are objected to because in Figs. 4A, 4B, reference label --80--needs to be provided. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

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Claims 6; 18-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 6, note that "the H plane" lacks strict antecedent basis.

In claims 18,24, 26, 28, 29, 30, note that it is unclear which ones of the "N...electrodes" is intended by the recitation of "the electrodes" (e.g. all, some, etc). Clarification is needed.

In claim 20, note that the recitation of "a plurality of cylindrical cages" does not appear consistent with the claim 19 (from which it depends) recitation of "a (single) cylindrical cage".

In claim 21, note that the claim improperly depends from itself.

In claim 25, note that it is unclear how "an (single) ac potential" (cl 24) relates to "the ac potentials (plural) induced on adjacent interdigited electrodes" (cl 25).

Clarification is needed.

In claim 30, note that it is unclear which one of the "at least one common resonant cavity" is intended by the recited "the common resonant cavity".

Clarification is needed.

-The following claims have been found objectionable for reasons set forth below:

In claim 2, note that --of a particular opening-- should follow "fields" for a proper characterization.

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In claim 4, note that "formed" should be rewritten as --provided-- for a better characterization.

In claim 17, note that "form" should be rewritten as --define-- for a better characterization.

In claim 18, should the "electrical contacts" be --respectively attached to the anode and cathode-- to provide a complete characterization?; also note that "forming" should be rewritten as --providing--.

In claim 19, note that "form" should be rewritten as --provide--.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States

Claims 1-3, 9, 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Cook.

Cook (fig. 1) discloses a magnetron structure comprising a cathode (10) surrounded by an anode (12). The anode further includes vanes (16) protruding inwardly towards the cathode to provide a plurality of wedge shape resonant cavity sections (18) having narrow openings (17) adjacent the cathode such that a cathode-anode interaction space is located therebetween. A coaxial cavity resonator (20) surrounds the anode and is coupled to the resonant cavities via coupling irises (19). Although not explicitly depicted, magnetrons inherently include the

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supplying of DC voltage/current between the anode and cathode and the presence of a magnetic field generator which collectively function to cause the electrons emitted by the cathode to move within the interaction space in the desired manner. Similarly, magnetrons operating in a IT mode inherently have adjacent cavity resonators 180° out of phase.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cook in view of Sakiyami.

Cook discloses the claimed magnetron except that the cavity resonators therein are of the same size rather than of different sizes.

Sakiyami discloses a "rising sun" type of magnetron in which adjacent wedge shape resonators are of different sizes. As is evident from Figs. 1 and 3 therein, the "rising sun" type of magnetron is recognized as an alternative yet equivalent magnetron to the same size cavity resonator magnetron (Fig. 3).

Accordingly, it would have been obvious in view of the references, taken as a whole, to have alternatively realized the magnetron of Cook as being a "rising sun" type of magnetron.

Such a modification being obvious in view of the recognized equivalents of these two types of magnetrons taught in Sakiyami, thereby suggesting the obviousness of such a modification. As

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an obvious consequence of such a modification, the length of such different size resonators would have been different.

Claims 11-7; 18, 19, 21-25, 27-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cook in view of either Burns or Crawford et al.

Cook discloses the claimed invention except that it's anode is not configured by interdigitated pins as claimed.

Note that Burns and Crawford et al pertain to anode structures configured as N pins which are arranged in a circular pattern and interdigitally configured such as to form a cage surrounding the cathode. In particular one-half of the pins protrude down from an upper ring (e.g. pole piece) while the remaining pins protrude upwards from a lower ring, such that the combination results in an interdigital anode configuration.

Accordingly, it would have been obvious in view of the references, taken as a whole, to have modified the vane type anode of Cook to have alternatively been an interdigital pin type anode. Such a modification would have been considered an obvious substitution of art recognized equivalent anode structures which would not have altered the basic anode function. thereby suggesting the obvious modification.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Benny Lee at telephone number (703) 3008-4902.

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